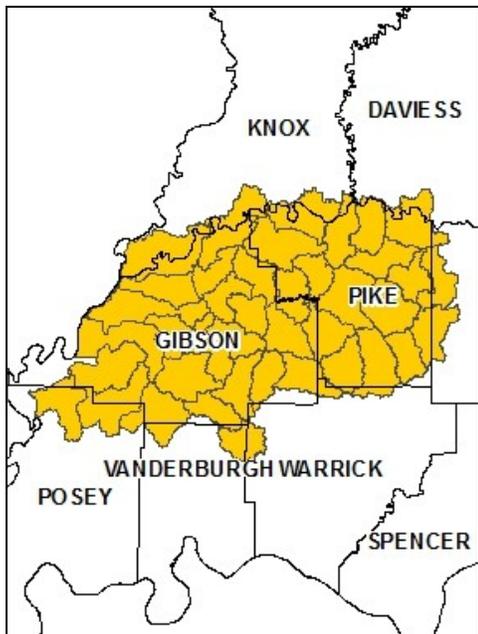


2013 Clean Water Indiana Grant



LEAD DISTRICT: GIBSON
 COLLABORATING DISTRICT: PIKE
 TARGET WATERSHEDS: WHITE RIVER, EAST FORK WHITE RIVER, FLAT CREEK, PATOKA RIVER, STONE COE CREEK, SOUTH FORK, PIGEON CREEK, COFFEE BAYOU WABASH RIVER, BIG CREEK, BLACK RIVER
 PROJECT NAME: CONTINUOUS COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP
 PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2013-12/31/2015
 PROJECT AMOUNT: \$25,000

Purpose: Promote and implement conservation practices

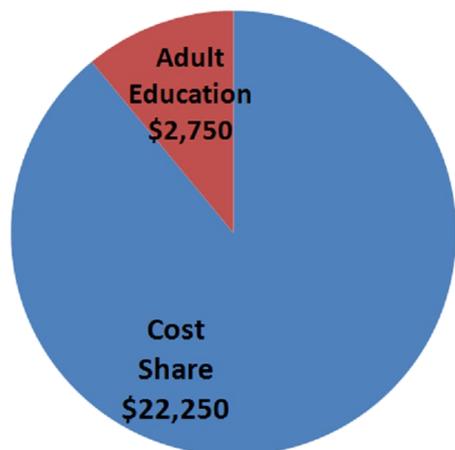


Each District will promote the use of a combination of cover crops in the fall and no-till planting in the spring. Priority will be given to the producers planting both cover crops, followed by no-till planting in the same fields. A field day/seminar for adults on the combined use of the two soil health practices to landowners will assist in keeping them up to date on the latest in conservation technology, soil health and management practices.

Both SWCD's will inform the public and promote the cost share opportunities through the news media, social media, websites and news letters. To educate a diversified audience, a session for the women in conservation will be held. The outreach for female producers and farm wives is lacking in agriculture and urban conservation education.

The cover crop/no-till combination project will address sediment and nutrient loading of surface waters and nutrient contamination from southwest Indiana. The Patoka River flows through both counties and empties into the Wabash River.

PROJECT GOALS:
 COVER CROP/NO-TILL
 ACRES: 3,750
 DEMONSTRATION SITES: 3



Educational events on soil health will be held to inform participants of conservation opportunities and practices. Education will consist of practices from the NRCS Cover Crop practices, also in Residue and tillage management.



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The (CWI) Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the (CWI) Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2013, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded ten Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$612,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,500 per year).



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